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### PRESS RELEASE

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#### SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

The Placer County Sheriff's Office dispatcher of the year will be honored along with dispatchers from around the region on Saturday, April 11, at the Thunder Valley Casino in Lincoln.



Trudi Nielson, a veteran dispatcher, was selected as the dispatcher of the year by her peers at the Placer County Sheriff's Office. Nominators described Trudi as "honest, humble, talented, a solid team player, fantastic shift partner, works well under pressure and a fabulous trainer." Trudi is known to put her personal needs aside for the greater good of the dispatch center.

Trudi started her career in law enforcement in 2006 at the Lincoln Police Department as an entry-level dispatcher. In 2009, she came to the Placer County Sheriff's Office as a Dispatcher II. Since her arrival, she has become a communications training officer and a member of the tactical dispatch team. Trudi and her husband of 19 years, Andy, enjoy spending time with their "four-legged kids" Tank and Rascal. To decompress from the stress of her job, Trudi spends hours on her riding tractor, mowing her five acres.

The April 11 event is the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Organization of Public Safety Telecommunicators' Dispatcher Appreciation Awards Banquet. It's an opportunity to recognize outstanding work and accomplishments of public safety dispatchers. The event is always held in April as part of National Telecommunicators' Week activities. Eighteen public safety communications centers in the counties of Sacramento, Yolo, Placer and Nevada were invited to participate.

Each year a different agency hosts the banquet, and this year the Placer County Sheriff's Office is honored to host the event. As the host agency, Placer County picked two charities to share the banquet's proceeds: The Placer 10-35 Foundation and the Star 6 Foundation, in consideration of the devastating losses Placer and Sacramento counties suffered last year.

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